FURTHER WAR STEPS

Backade of Cuban Ports and Signing of Volunteer Bill.

MOTABLE NAVY RETIREMENT.

Calef of Equipment Division Asks Command of Active Warship.

PRIVATEERING AND REUTRALITY.

Policy of Our Government Thereon Announced to the World.

WHAT ARE CONTRABAND GOODS?

An Authoritative Statement in Reply to This Question.

BLOCADE IN

Note It is to Be Confined to Easton Part of the Island-Transpormion of Troops- No Fears for the

MINGTON, April IL-There were further important steps taken in auton forday toward actual hostili or to mention the matter involved seizure of the Spanish bark Buens

blockade of a number of Cuba: ad the second was the signing by

tration, Captain Bradford will one of the best available ships in

PRIVATEERING.

lowing up the formalities beginning the blockade proclamation, the Department this evening addressed of foreign nations accredited to

terms to that telegraphed by the As al adoption by the government as

memy's goods in neutral bottoms, save under enemy's flag, are safe from seizure, and that a blockade, to be ding, must be effective. In substance, se are the principles faid down in the cement of Paris of 1858. The officials e from Madrid that Spain will refuse bound by the same principles and privateering, for they are satisfied the great commercial Powers will lerate the practice of privatvering

CONTRABAND ARTICLES.

much as there exists a great of of misapprehension, not only in a countries, but also among Ameriappers, as to the character of mer that is contraband and liable to during the progress of war, the of War-In determining. ng to the law of nations, whether

is contrabond of war, it is

Absolute contraband, Occasional or conditional contra-

cially warlike character. certain forms of steel, iron, etc. a subservient to warlike use ar-

includes articles nor suited instruments, housenot including many that are pure ed beyond the territorial Wa-jurisdiction of another neutral unless destined for an aneray's

stipulations with a neutral regards the subjects of that is one desiring to ship goods country and the government

ligerent right of capture as POPULATION. d, or of a violation of an ckade, and in other analo-where the conduct of the the belligerent in treaterty as enemy's property. I

HE HAWAH STORY. the seizure of the Hawalian establishment of a coal Hawaii falled to secure any sement on the subject. y is exaggerated, and all done is to provide for the nt of a coaling-boat there.

GREGON AND MARIETTA. h the ability of the Oregon and the MILITIA OF ANY STATE SHALL EN- ARMY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE zealous member,

within range.

BLOCKADE OF CURA The limitation of the blockade in Cuba a certain part of the island was not officially explained, but one plausible reason advanced for the government's cason advanced for the government's action was that by refraining from es-lishing a blockade over the eastern por-tion of the island, now understood to be practically in the control of the insursents, the ports will be left open for them to freely receive all needed supplies and munitions of war.

ARTILLERY EQUIPMENT.

A formal order was issued by the War A formal order was issued by the compartment, increasing the equipment of light batteries of artillery to six guns, six calssons, one combined forge-and-battery-wagon, and 100 horses. The enforcement of this order will require 900 adds lonal horses, which the Quartermaster's Department will purchase in Tennessee,

TRANSPORTATION TO CUBA. For purposes of transporting the army o Cuba the quartermaster's office has consideration the chartering thips having a carrying capacity of 50,000 nen. No charters have, however, been

ork was being rushed with the greatest assible speed toward the completion of dence projects and the installation of g guns. All the available matter for in the way of fortifying is attended to, and the department is utilizing everyhing at their disposal,

THE VOLUNTEER ARMY BILL.

Measure as Made a Law Yesterday

by the President's Signature. A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPO-RARILY INCREASING THE MILI-TARY ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN TIME OF WAR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED, ETC., THAT ALL ABLE-BODIED MALE CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND PERSONS OF FOREIGN BIRTH WHO SHALL HAVE DECLARED THEIR INTEN-TION TO BECOME CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER AND IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAWS THERE-OF, BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 45 YEARS, ARE HEREBY DE-CLARED TO CONSTITUTE THE NA-TIONAL FORCES, AND, WITH SUCH EXCEPTIONS AND UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS AS MAY BE PRE-SCRIBED BY LAW, SHALL BE LIA-BLE TO PERFORM MILITARY DUTY IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED

THAT THE ORGAN-IZED AND ACTIVE LAND FORCES THE UNITED STATES SHALL CONSIST OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE MILL TIA OF THE SEVERAL STATES WHEN CALLED INTO THE SERVICE SHALL CONSIST OF TWO BRANCHES. WHICH SHALL BE DESIGNATED ARMY AND THE VOLUNTEER ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.

SECTION 3. THAT THE REGULAR ARMY IS THE PERMANENT MILI-TARY ESTABLISHMENT, WHICH IS MAINTAINED BOTH IN PEACE AND WAR, ACCORDING TO LAW.

SECTION 4. THAT THE VOLUN-TEER ARMY SHALL BE MAINTAIN-ED ONLY DURING THE EXISTENCE OF WAR, OR WHILE WAR IS IMMI-NENT, AND SHALL BE RAISED AND ORGANIZED, AS IN THIS ACT PRO-PRESIDENT TO RAISE SUCH A GADE COMMANDERS MAY BE AP-LISTMENTS FOR THE VOLUNTEER ARMY SHALL BE FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS, UNLESS SOONER TERMINATED, AND THAT ALL OF-FICERS AND MEN COMPOSING SAID ARMY SHALL BE DISCHARGED FROM THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES WHEN THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY WERE CALLED INTO SERVICE SHALL HAVE BE N AC COMPLISHED, OR ON THE CONCLU-SION OF HOSTILITIES.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE EXISTING ORGANIZED MILITIA OF EACH STATE AND TERRITORY AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MAY, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESI-DENT, BE MUSTERED INTO THE SERVICE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY AUTHORIZE THE SECRETARY OF WAR TO ORGANIZE COMPANIES, TROOPS, BATTALIONS OR REGIMENTS POSSESSING SPE-CIAL QUALIFICATIONS FROM THE NATION AT LARGE UNDER SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS, IN-CLUDING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICERS THEREOF, AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRE-TARY OF WAR, THE STRENGTH OF SUCH SPECIAL ORGANIZATION NOT

TO EXCEED 3,500. PROPORTIONED TO POPULATION.

SECTION 5. THAT WHEN IT BE-COMES NECESSARY TO RAISE A VOLUNTEER ARMY, THE PRESIDENT SHALL ISSUE HIS PROCLAMATION STATING THE NUMBER OF MEN DE-SIRED, WITHIN SUCH LIMITS AS MAY BE FIXED BY LAW, AND THE an elemy's ship upon the figation beligerest ships are perpelled in search of enemy's, contrabact of war.

MAY BE FIXED BY LAW, AND THE SECRETARY OF WAR SHALL PRE-TABAND CHARACTER CHANGE, THE TERMS OF THIS ACT, AS MAY, and exhaustive definition of IN HIS JUDGMENT, BE NECESSARY articles can be given. They FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXAMINING. ORGANIZING; AND RECEIVING INTO SERVICE THE MEN CALLED FOR: ch now are not; and the con-se. Neither belligerent can PROVIDED, THAT ALL MEN REas contraband in violation of CEIVED INTO SERVICE IN THE VOLUNTEER ARMY SHALL, AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, BE TAKEN FROM port in neutral vessels would THE SEVERAL STATES AND TERRI-LUMBIX IN PROPORTION TO THEIR

SECTION 6. THAT THE VOLUNTEER ARMY AND THE MILITIA OF THE STATES WHEN CALLED INTO THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES. SHALL BE ORGANIZED UNDER, AND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO, THE LAWS, ORDERS, AND REGULATIONS GOV-ERNING THE REGULAR ARMY; PRO-VIDED THAT EACH REGIMENT OF THE VOLUNTEER ARMY SHALL BER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE SUat the Navy Department as to HAVE ONE SURGEON AND ONE AShat our government had ar- SISTANT SURGEON, AND THAT ALL THE REGIMENTAL AND COMPANY OFFICERS SHALL BE APPOINTED FURTHER, THAT IF TA- REPORT OF BY THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATES IN WHICH THEIR RESPEC-TIVE ORGANIZATIONS ARE RAISED: PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT WHEN THE MEMBERS OF ANY COMPANY OR REGIMENT OF THE ORGANIZED

Marietta not only to protect themselves from the Spanish gunboat Temerario but to destroy that craft, if she ever comes REGIMENTS THE REGIMENTAL AND REGIMENT, THE REGIMENTAL AND COMPANY OFFICERS IN SERVICE WITH THE MILITIA ORGANIZATION THUS ENLISTING MAY BE APPOINT-

ED BY THE PRESIDENT. SECTION 7. THAT ALL ORGANIZA-TIONS OF THE VOLUNTEER ARMY SHALL BE SO RECRUITED FROM TIME TO TIME AS TO MAINTAIN THEM AS NEAR TO THEIR MAXI-MUM STRENGTH AS THE PRESI-DENT MAY DEEM NECESSARY, AND NO NEW ORGANIZATION SHALL/BE ACCEPTED INTO SERVICE FROM ANY STATE UNLESS THE ORGANI-ZATIONS ALREADY IN SERVICE FROM SUCH STATE ARE AS NEAR TO THEIR MAXIMUM STRENGTH OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN AS THE PRESIDENT MAY DEEM NECES-

CARE OF ORGANIZATION ROLLS. SECTION 8. THAT ALL RETURNS AND MUSTER ROLLS OF ORGANIZA-TIONS OF THE VOLUNTEER ARMY AND OF MILITIA ORGANIZATIONS WHILE IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, SHALL BE REN-DERED TO THE ADJUTANT-GENEY RAL OF THE ARMY, AND UPON THE DISBANDMENT OF SUCH ORGANI ZATIONS THE RECORDS PERTAIN-ING TO THEM SHALL BE TRANS-FERRED TO AND FILED IN THE RE-CORD AND PENSION OFFICE OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 9. THAT IN TIME OF WAR, OR WHEN WAR IS IMMINENT. THE TROOPS IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, WHETHER BELONGING TO THE REGULAR OR VOLUNTEER ARMY OR TO THE MI-LITIA, SHALL BE ORGANIZED. AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, INTO DIVI-SIONS OF THREE BRIGADES, EACH BRIGADE TO BE COMPOSED OF THREE OR MORE REGIMENTS, AND WHENEVER THREE OR MORE DIVI-SIONS ARE ASSEMBLED IN THE SAME ARMY THE PRESIDENT IS AU THORIZED TO ORGANIZE THEM INTO ARMY CORPS, EACH CORPS TO CONSIST OF NOT MORE THAN THREE DIVISIONS.

SECTION 10. THAT THE STAFF OF THE COMMANDER OF AN ARMY ORPS SHALL CONSIST OF ONE AS-SISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL ONE INSPECTOR-GENERAL, ONE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, ONE CHIEF COM-MISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE, AND ONE CHIEF SURGEON, WHO SHALL HAVE, RESPECTIVELY, THE RANK F LIEUTENANT-COLONEL; ONE AS SISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, WHO SHALL HAVE THE RANK OF CAP TAIN, AND THE AIDES-DE-CAMP AU THORIZED BY LAW. THE STAFF OF THE COMMANDER OF A DIVISION SHALL CONSIST OF ONE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL, ONE SPECTOR-GENERAL, ONE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, ONE CHIEF COM-MISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE, AND ONE CHIEF SURGEON, WHO SHALL HAVE RESPECTIVELY, THE BANK OF LIEU TENANT-COLONEL. AND THE AIDES DE-CAMP AUTHORIZED BY LAW THE STAFF OF A COMMANDER OF A BRIGADE SHALL CONSIST OF ONE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL ONE ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER AND OME COMMISSARY OF SUBBIST CAPTAIN, AND THE AIDES-DE-CAMP AUTHORIZED BY LAW. THE STAFF VIDED, ONLY AFTER CONGRESS OFFICERS HEREIN AUTHORIZED SHALL HAVE, AUTHORIZED THE FOR THE CORPS, DIVISION, AND BRI-PONTED BY THE PRESIDENT, BY SENT OF THE SENATE, AS OFFICERS OF THE VOLUNTEER ARMY, AND MAY BE ASSIGNED BY HIM, IN HIS DISCRETION. FROM OFFICERS OF THE REGULAR ARMY OR THE VOL-ENTEER ARMY, OR OF THE MILITIA IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES: PROVIDED THAT THE AP-POINTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS TO STAFF SERVICE SHALL TERMINATE WHEN THE OFFICERS SO ASSIGNED SHALL BE RELIEVED.

THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERALS. SECTION II. THAT THE PRESIDENT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO AP-POINT IN THE VOLUNTEER ARMY. BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, NOT EX-CEEDING ONE MAJOR-GENERAL FOR EACH ORGANIZED ARMY CORPS AND DIVISION. AND ONE BRIGADIER-RENERAL FOR EACH BRIGADE, AND EACH GENERAL OFFICER OF THE VOLUNTEER ARMY SHALL BE EN-TITLED TO THE NUMBER OF AIDES DE-CAMP AUTHORIZED FOR AN OFFICER OF LIKE GRADE IN THE REGULAR ARMY.

SECTION 12. THAT ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE VOL-UNTEER ARMY, AND OF THE MILI-TIA OF THE STATES, WHEN IN THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES. SHALL BE IN ALL RESPECTS ON THE SAME FOOTING AS TO PAY. ALLOWANCES, AND PENSIONS AS THAT OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF CORRESPONDING GRADES IN THE REGULAR ARMY

SECTION IS THAT THE PRESIDENT MAY, UPON THE RECOMMENDA-TION OF THE GOVERNORS OF STATES, APPOINT OFFICERS OF THE REGULAR ARMY IN THE GRADES OF FIELD OFFICERS IN ORGANIZA. TIONS OF THE VOLUNTEER ARMY AND OFFICERS THUS APPOINTED SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RETAIN THEIR RANK IN THE REGULAR ARMY; PROVIDED THAT NOT MORE THAN ONE OFFICER OF THE REGU-LAR ARMY SHALL BE COMMISSION-ED IN ANY ONE REGIMENT OF THE VOLUNTEER ARMY AT THE SAME TIME.

SECTION 14. THAT THE GENERAL COMMANDING A SEPARATE DE-PARTMENT OR A DETACHED ARMY IS AUTHORIZED TO APPOINT, FROM TIME TO TIME, MILITARY BOARDS OF NOT LESS THAN THREE NOR! MORE THAN FIVE OFFICERS OF THE VOLUNTEER ARMY TO EXAMINE INTO THE CAPACITY, QUALIFICA-TIONS, CONDUCT, AND EFFICIENCY OF ANY COMMISSIONED OFFICER OF SAID ARMY WITHIN HIS COM-MAND; PROVIDED THAT EACH MEM-PERIOR IN RANK TO THE OFFICER WHOSE QUALIFICATIONS ARE TO RE INQUIRED INTO; AND PROVIDED SUCH A BOARD IS ADVERSE TO THE CONTINUANCE OF ANY OFFICER. AND THE REPORT BE APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT, SUCH OFFICER SHALL BE DISCHARGED FROM THE SERVICE IN THE VOLUNTEER

THE FIRST NAVAL BATTLE.

War by U. S. Monitor. JACKSONVILLE, FLA., April 22 .- According to private dispatches received by the Times-Union and Citizen to-night, the first naval battle of the war took place GOES TO WASHINGTON SUNDAY. opposite Boynton, about twenty-five miles south of Palm Beach, at 10 o'clock this morning.

George Lyman, a reliable man, and others, who were fishing on Lake Worth which is separated from the ocean by a narrow strip of land, heard heavy firing and ran to the beach. They reported to the railroad agent and postmaster a Lantana that a United States monito was furiously chasing and firing upon a Spanish man-of-war, or gunboat, convoying a coal or transport ship. The Spaniard replied shot for shot. All the ships were travelling with a bone in their teeth. The men say they watched the battle for an hour, or until only the smoke from the funnels was visible or the southern horizon, in which direction they were travelling. A special dispatch to the Times-Union

and Citizen from Lantana says: HEAVY RUNNING FIRE.

"An eye-witness has just arrived from Boynton and reports a supposed transport vessel, southward bound, guarded by a man-of-war, pursued by a monitor, keeping up a heavy running fire,"

This dispatch was dated at 10 o'clock A special to the Times-Union and Citi-

zen from West Palm Beach, Fla., says: "Much interest was manifested here to day over the manoeuvring of strangelooking vessels. Two torpedo-boats passed south-one early this morning, the other this afternoon. Three vessels, supposedly belonging to the mosquito ficet. after some manoeuvring off Palm Benel pier, proceeded slowly southward. A tug towing a very large and peculiarly-shaped vessel, also passed south."

OUR RIGHT TO BLOCKADE.

No Doubt About It, Says the Diplomats-Privateering.

WASHINGTON, April 22.-Members of the diplomatic corps say that no question can be rulsed as to the right of the United States to declare a blockade. This being conceded, foreign Powers will accept it as binding.

A rumor was circulated during the day that Spain would cede Cuba to Austria. This was dismissed as groundless by leading diplomatic officials, whose posiwould make them aware of any

For several days the foreign embassies and legations have been aware that the United States would make an official declaration against privateering, and this was conveyed to them to-night in the form of a circular note,

As a rule, this gives much satisfaction, particularly to the commercial Powers, as it is felt to be only a preliminary step toward enforcement of the abandonment of privateering by Spain.

Probably the Rodgers. WILMINGTON, N. C., April 22 .- A tor-

WillMINGTON, N. C., April 22.—A for-pedo-boat, supposed to be the Rodgers, bound from Hampton Roads for Key West, was seen from Wrightsville Beach this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It was not more than a mile and a half from shore,

ATTEND THE SENATOR'S FUNERAL. Two of His Relatives Gone to Washington for This Purpose.

Mrs. Belie J. Walthall and Mr. H. M. Walthall, of this city, left last night for Washington to attend the funeral core monies to be held in the Senate chamber to-day over the remains of their distinguished kinsman, Senator Walthall, of The remains will be carried to Holly

Springs, Miss., for interment next Mon-day at 10 o'clock A. M. Although Senator Walthall left Rich-

mond in the year 1837, when he was but a small child, he frequently visited the place of his birth, in which he took a great and ablding interest. During his the late Major Legh R. Page, who was his Intimate friend.
Senator Walthall's last visit to Rich-

mond was in 1889, when he spent a few weeks with his cousin, Mr. H. M. Walthall his name in Richmond. They are Mr. H. M. Walthall, Mrs. D. T. Wickham o Farmville, Mrs. Belle J. Waithall, Mrs. E. C. Valthall, Mrs. E. T. Walthall, Mr. E. C. Walthall, Mr. John E. Walthall, Mr. James B. Walthall, Miss Ellen Douglas Walthall, and Mr. Robert B. Walthall of the deceased is Mrs

Two Small Fires.

An plarm of fire was turned in last ment to the Vulcan Iron-Works, where losed, from a live coal from a passing notive. The fire was quickly put The damage was slight.

The department was called at II:20 last night to No. 817 St. Peter's street. The out-buildings of this house, occupied by Cornellus Nerwell (colored) were on fir The blaze was extinguished without much

Personals and Briefs.

Collector-of-Internal-Revenue Brady is still in Washington. He is expected back

is very ill, was reported as being a trifle better yesterday. Dr. W. W. Parker, who was so serious ly ill several days ago, has improved so rapidly that he was able to ride out yes-

Mrs. P. B. Pendleton, Mrs. S. E. Hankins, and Miss Mary Hankins, of Cuckoo, are visiting Mrs. D. S. McCarthy, No. 8

Judge S. B. Witt and City-Sergeant Claiborne Epps left the city yesterday afternoon for Cohoke, proposing to spend a couple of days fishing. Rev. Z. T. Sweeney's discourse Sunday

evening at Seventh-Street Christian church will be a continuation of his sermon of two weeks ago, upon "Immor-Messrs, Algernon Sartoris and John W.

Wright, the young men who came from Washington to tender their services to General Fitzhugh Lee, have returned The funeral of Louis J. Wilson will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from his late residence, No. 611 north

made at Oakwood. Mrs. Lefroy and Mrs. Clifford Caperton have arrived in Denver, and a letter re-ceived by a friend states that Mrs. Ca-perton stood the journey reasonably well and is somewhat better.

Fourth street, and the interment will be

The funeral of Mr. Edward H. Hutcheson, who died Wednesday morning, took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from Seventh-Street Christian church, of which he had long been an earnest and

TO BE MAJ.-GENERAL. Assurance Given That Fitz Lee Will Re-Reported Chase of Spanish Man-of

ceive Such a Commission.

Expected That He Will Be Assigned to His Command Monday.

VIRGINIA TROOPS UNDER HIM. No Doubt Whatever That Our Soldiers Will Be in His Army.

ACCEPT WHATEVER IS TENDERED.

Would Be Willing to Go to Cuba Bis Tender of Service-Will Appoint His Old Staff and Friends.

General Fitzhugh Lee will undoubtedly be commissioned on Monday next a major general in the army of the United States Cuba some time next week. Of this it is understood he has been positively assured by President McKinley and Secretary-of-War Alger.

The General has not as yet received any instructions from Washington, bu he will leave here Sunday for the national capital, and as soon as his commission is issued to him will select the staff of nine men, who will accompany him, and will forthwith leave for the point of mobilization of the army assigned to him and start for his march through

Park avenue last evening by a Dispatch reporter, and asked if he had designated or determined upon the composition of his staff. He very promptly replied that he had not, and then said: "I wish you gentlemen of the press would let it be known that I have no appointments to give ou now. If I receive a commission as major general, I will have but nine appointments at my disposal, and already I have more than four hundred applications for office WILL SELECT HIS OLD STAFF.

"The staff of a major-general consists of an adjutant-general and assistant-adjutant-general, a chief of quartermaster aides-de-camp. I don't know who I will take with me if I go to Cuba as a major general, but in event that I do have to select a staff I ghall certainly confine my appointments—all things being equal—to the members of my old staff and to m personal friends."

Rev. Dr. Carmichael, who recently vounteered as chaplain on General Lee's staff, has notified the General of his re onsideration of that tender of service his present pastorate at St. Paul's

Dr. Carmichael is chaplain of the Blues Battation, and when he realized that war was an assured fact he deemed it duty to go to the front with his c mand, and, believing that the Blues would be attached to General Lee's command staff. His congregation and the of his church, since the aunounceterceded with him, and he has final cielded to their persuasion, and accord-ngly notified General Lee of his intention WILL COMMAND VIRGINIA TROOPS

uss war matters with the reporter wi called upon him last night, but when ask ed if the Virginia troops would be at tached to his command, if he were sen anything further concerning the matter but it is understood that the Presiden has assured him that the Virginians will be assigned to his command, and it leaked out yesterday that the General autici-pating a call to-day for troops, wired esterday afternoon to Secretary Alger suggesting to him that he instruct al commands destined for Cub o uniform themselves in the very lightes clothing possible. His suggestion, it is understood, is that the men be uniformed n linen clothes, and that instead of leimets they wear straw hats. These he General thinks, will prove the most Serviceable uniforms that can be worn in Cuba, and will do much toward warding

General Lee expressed himself as being ery much interested in the movements of Captain Sampson's fleet, and while he at present knows no more about the novements of the fleet than has been given to the public through the press, he says he is hopeful that the port of Habana has been blockaded by it. Just what he expects from the fleet the Gene ral would not say, asserting when asked as to the possible result of an attack upon Habana that he was still Consul-General to Cuba, and hence had no right o speculate one way or another

LEE AND THE PRESIDENT. It is understood, however, that he has talked with the President and the Sec retary of War concerning the possibili-ties of a naval attack upon the island. ind recommended its being made. Acording to information received by the last night, General Lee told Mr. McKiniey that the Spanish ships which patrol the island are but little to be dreaded, and that if a fleet of United States vessels is sent there and the ships are handled in a skilful manner every man-of-war flying the Spanish flag in Cuban waters can be captured. Repeat-edly, it is said, during his residence in luba, General Lee was approached by he Spanish authorities, who took him o task for the non-capture by this gov-rament of filibusterers, and that his inriable reply to the Spaniards was that apturing the allbusterers when they

It is said that the Spanish ships in Cuoan waters to whom are assigned the duty of patrolling the coast, do not patrol at all, because of the fact that bey have but little coal and are affald o do much sailing for fear that when they burn up the supply of fuel now on hand they will be unable to get more This fact, it is understood, authoritative-ly, is one of many communicated to the President by General Lee, and it may be the light of these facts, that Captain Sampson will so spread his fleet in Cu oan waters as to capture every one o the Spanish vessels now patrolling the

TENDERED HIS SERVICES General Lee, when he landed at Key West from Habana last week, wired to the authorities at Washington: "Am leaving Habana; I tender my service to his government for whatever duty I may last night if he would accept anything less than a major-general's commission deneral Lee very promptly referred to this telegram, and said: "I am anxious to return to Cuba to put to rout the Spanish troops, and I would accept a lieutenant's commission if it permitted me to lead as much as a squad into

While, as has been stated, the General will not say positively that he is going | mond, Va.

to receive a commission from the gov or that fact, and he is also anxious that the Virginians who go to war shall be assigned to his command. He knows that fighting qualities of the boys of the Old Dominion, having led an army of their fathers thirty-odd years ago, and he wants to lead the sons this time. He is under the impression that the Virginia troops will be ordered out by Monday at the latest, and feels confident that all of them will be ordered to Cuba at once.

CAPTAIN JOHN CUSSONS'S VIEWS. He is Unwilling to Play Soldier in

Peace and Citizen in War. Captain John Cussons ordnance officer on the staff of General A. L. Phillips, was seen yesterday by a Dispatch reporter, who asked him for an expression con-

erning the war now in progress between

this country and Spain., The Captain expressed himself as being much opposed to war, asserting it as his i belief that it was an altogether unnecessary one. He said, however, that he expected to engage in it, for the reason that he could not reconcile himself to playing

soldier in peace and citizen in war When the reporter called upon him, at the Jefferson, Captain Cussons was engaged in reading a paper.

"You seem interested in your paper, said the scribe, as he entered, "I am," replied the Captain. "Anything special?"

THE REAL OBJECT. "I should say so. Here's what I've bee

ooking for ever since the pow-wow be gan-the real motive and object of thi "Yes; and it is-?"

"Humanitarianism, sir; pure and simple humanitarianism. Nothing to acquire, nothing to defend; nothing to resent. No enemy to punish, no rival to restrain, no commerce to extend, no territory t own goodness, and we cannot rest with share of our redundant bliss."

"But, seriously, give me your views."
"Well, sir-a single point-read that
iragraph. See how we are now to paragraph. complete and round out the imperfect work of three-and-thirty years ago. We were turning the negroes loose then, are endowing them with the political privi-leges which it took our race six hundred years to win. Now the cry is for social equality. Here is the C., R. and S. rail ond accused of 'an intolerable affront here we are indignantly and didag tically assured that when a negro deck himself in a blue uniform he is 'good enough to ride in any car with any body,' and that southerners must trea 'wherever he goes' as 'an honored public guest

NOT READY PERSONALLY

"And you are not ready for that?" "No; not personally. And yet my views on the subject are liberal enough. As the writer truly says, it is simply a matter of custom, and I am sure that there ought not to be the smallest objection to the closest bond of brother nood between such of the blacks an whites as really enjoy it."
"Do you think there is any danger of

embarrassment arising from this race

"O. I hope not. You see, we all have to be reconstructed some time or other And the present scheme ought to inl us to the past, so that unitedly we may carry out the principles of the old cru-sade. We may rig up a new carpet-bag-ging outfit, and by affiliating with the Cuban scalawags, I suppose we can tur-loose a fresh set of mongrels, and b giving them votes and things, we sha lift them up somewhere, and shall doubt less establish a powerful claim on the gratitude and admiration of mankind." "You will take a hand?"

to do for the next few years. Each generation, it seems, as well as each nation

Then you believe this war will has "I most unquestionably do," and then

the Captain retired to his room Cadet Volunteers.

The Blacksburg cadets have followed the example of the graduating class a he Virginia Military Institute, going i ne better, and offering the Governor th service of the entire corps for the war he following letter yesterday: His Excellency, 4. Hoge Tyler, Governo

of Virginia: Sir.-We hereby tender to the State of Virginia the services of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute corps of cadets, con sisting of four companies of infantry, en light battery of artillery, commissioned and non-commissioned staff, and band for the defence of our country in the

We respectfully petition that if called into service, the United States War Department be requested to detail First Lieutenant D. C. Shanks, of th Lieutenant D. C. Shanks, of the Eighteenth Infantry, United States army,

JOHN B. DANFORTH, Captain Company D. JULIAN A. BURRUSS, Captain Battery E. BENJAMIN HARRISON, Captain Company B. EDWARD GRAHAM. J. S. A. JOHNSON,

Captain Company A.

SWAYSON WILL HOLD HIS SEAT. Two Republicans Report in His

Favor-Wise-Young Case. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.-(Spe dal.)-As previously indicated in these dispatches, Representative Swanson will retain his seat in this Congress. The three Democrats on Elections Committee No. 3 to-day presented a report, which hows that Mr. Swanson was elected b 53 votes. Two of the Republicans Messrs. Boutelle, of Illinois, and Cochran, of New York-also made a report, which ascertains that Mr. Swanson wa elected by 121. This gives him a majority of the committee, and there is little foubt that he will easily defeat John R. Brown, the Republican contestant. Mr. Swanson claims a majority of 50 vote in the House.

The Wise-Young contest may come u o-morrow. Young's chances are better now than ever. Wise, however, claims h will be seated.

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FOR OUT-OF-TOWN SUBSCRIBERS. The Picture Maine Will Be Sent to

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A. Wheeler. It will be found admirably suited for framing.

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The war bulletins of the Associated Press were read with much interest, but many doubts were expressed at the notification that the Key West squadron had moved. It was generally admitted that the battleship Oregon was in danger of attack, but few expressed a doubt as to her ability to take care of herself.

A dispatch late in the evening, to the effect that the squadron would be left here to care for coast defence was re-ceived with a great deal of incredulity. The fact that the two colliers and a hospital-ship have been rushed to the squadron, and that one of the colliers was hurriedly filled yesterday, seems to indicate that no such lack of activity is intended, and that a hurried call to move is expected. The opinion of many officers seems to be that this fleet will move the instant it becomes known that the Cape Verde Islands fleet of the Spanish is in motion. If the fleet stays here for any period of time, it would not be surprising f the Columbia and Minneapolis were sent out on prize-seeking expeditions. The same order about officers being on

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